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Dear Dr. Zohrab:

In your letter dated 30 November 2000, you proposed amending our Memorandum of Cooperation, "Cooperative Arrangement; Between Department of Health and Human Services the Food and Drug Administration United States of America and The Ministry of Agriculture and The Ministry of Health New Zealand, To Ensure the Safety of Imported Fish and Fishery Products" (Cooperative Arrangement) dated December 20, 1995. In particular, you proposed deleting current section I.D.1.b. which reads, "a government health certificate for each consignment of fish and fishery products exported to the United States."

The FDA hereby agrees to this amendment to the current Cooperative Arrangement by deleting the provision in section I.D.1.b. thereby removing the requirement that MAF provide government health certificates for each consignment of fish and fishery products exported from New Zealand to the United States. This reply along with your letter constitute agreement to amend the Cooperative Agreement under section IV of the Cooperative Arrangement.

Sincerely,

Sharon Smith Holston
Deputy Commissioner
for International and Constituent Relations